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New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Continues Volunteer Training Sessions on April 7

New Bedford, MA— New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park continues its volunteer training sessions on Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 PM when two ladies return from the 1850s to talk about life in New Bedford from their perspective. The following training session will take place on Saturday, April 11, at 10:00 AM at the park visitor center, 33 William St., with a session on Themes, or What Is My Tour About? with New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park ranger Emily Prigot. This training session should be of particular interest to anyone offering guided tours. Training sessions are open to those considering volunteering at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, and are open to the public as well on a first-come, first-served basis. The park offers educational programs, orientation to visitors, and guided tours.

Park staff relies on the commitment and expertise of volunteers to help connect the public to the wealth of history in New Bedford. The park is seeking volunteers for the upcoming season. Some of the volunteer positions include: a bookkeeper or accountant having experience with Excel spreadsheet, information desk staff and public relations coordinator. We especially welcome educators, residents of the area's diverse communities, and those seeking to gain new skills or learn more about New Bedford's fascinating history. Time commitment and work schedule varies by work station and position. Scheduling, however, is flexible. Uniform and training is provided. For more information, please contact Emily Prigot, Volunteer Coordinator, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park by phone at 508 996 4095 ext. 6105 or by email at emily_prigot@nps.gov.

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park was established by Congress in 1996 to help preserve and interpret America's nineteenth century whaling industry. The park, which encompasses a 13-block National Historic Landmark District, is the only National Park Service area addressing the history of the whaling industry and its influence on the economic, social, and environmental history of the United States.

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